Unapproved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, August 5, 2024 – 5:30 pm

Call to Order by Mark Clough

Present: Mark Clough, Andra Hibbert, Dan Devine, Diana Senturia, Alex Maclean, Principal Sam McLeod, Superintendent Matt Foster and Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty

May Minutes
A **motion** to approve May 6, 2024, minutes by Dan Devine and seconded by Andra Hibbert.

Principal Report – Sam was present, and some items highlighted.

- The retreat went very well. Focused on MTSS Support.
- Team Talk – will enable staff to communicate earlier on.
- It was great to meet all the new staff.
- Piloting a program called Book Worms – district wide
- Piloting EL (Experiential Learning)
- Peer observation will continue and expand for this upcoming year
- Back to school nights have had 100% percentage.

Alex – why are we not piloting programs in places that we know we need to approve? The short answer is we don't have current access to them. They can be purchased, but the cost is high.

Board members and staff went around and did introductions due to new staff members. Conversation regarding Peacham School and population. Peacham school has the ability to have more students.

Superintendent Report – Matt was present to go over any items.

- Barnet and Twinfield had some flooding issues.
- 38 new hires within the last month.
- Inspired Ed – will work with the district to help with an organizational plan. Grant funded.
- Networks being updated.
- Have some new office/facility space.

Discussion on education bill.

Peacham School as Emergency Disaster Center with a generator – Efficiency Vermont is running a pilot program with municipalities. School is recognized as a center by the Red Cross but that is only when the Red Cross comes in with all the supplies and needs. School will meet with Efficiency Vermont to see what the wants and needs are and will give recommendations. The selectboard will be a part of this as well. Funding would be an issue to look at. There might be grants available for this project. As an interim shelter, what does Peacham School want to have ready to accommodate needs? Discussions will need to take place.
Discussion on propane generator. Could also use solar batteries or a mix of both. In the case of the solar array – it needs to be appraised. Need to look at potentially owning the panels.
Andra will reach out to Efficiency Vermont and Alex will speak with the Selectboard.

A **motion** to join the pilot program with Efficiency Vermont by Andra Hibbert and seconded by Diana Senturia. Motion passed.

Dr. Sharon Howell joined the meeting.

Retreat Follow-up – It was a good, organized retreat. The board came up with a work plan around educational standards.

Peacham is working on a resolution around small rural schools.

Peacham still has not been able to find a school bus driver. Sam went above and beyond and got his CDL and has been filling in. School board feels this is not the best use of his time, need to lean into Butlers to find a driver. Sam does feel strongly that bus service continues and if Peacham does decide to drop a service, then lots of notice needs to go out to families.
Sharon Howell noted that busing is possibly something that St. Johnsbury could speak with Peacham about.

Email from Collaborators Meeting - Peacham did not attend the last one. Andra will attend the October meeting.

Communication with the Community – Community dinners have been great. The website is being worked on and improved. Maybe do a monthly community coffee chat at the cafe – this could be Sam and a board member. Newsletters could be sent out over social media outlets.

Future Agenda Items:

- Work Plan
- Efficiency Vermont Pilot Program
- Bus update
- Resolution
- Science and Social Studies Curriculum

A **motion** to adjourn by Diana Senturia and seconded by Dan Devine. Motion passed.